

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 313

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Rebecca Ballou, 2013
Salutatorian of Macon County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Ballou is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2013 graduating class at Macon County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Rebecca has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Ballou has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Ballou has graciously dedicated her time and energies to numerous scholastic and extracurricular efforts, including serving as a member of the Beta Club, Interact Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, softball team, and soccer team; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Ms. Ballou has volunteered for Relay for Life, Nashville Mission, the Backpack Program, Makin' Macon Fit, the Music City Marathon, and the Veteran's Day parade; she has assisted the elderly at a nursing home and assisted physical therapists; she served as Assistant Director of the E.B. Krantz memorial scholarship tournament; she has worked the concession and admission stands at local youth sporting events; and she has raised funds for the Macon Christian Academy and food drives; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Rebecca was elected as "Most Likely to Succeed" in her class, she has been named the All-Tournament Player in soccer, and she has received All-District Honorable Mention in softball; and

WHEREAS, she is an active and devout member of Days Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, in her free time, Rebecca enjoys singing and playing the piano and guitar; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ballou's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at Tennessee Tech University, which she plans to attend; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Chris and Denise Ballou, her sister, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Ballou's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2013 Macon County High School Salutatorian, Rebecca Ballou, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.